

Falls to Pole Line Reconstruction

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WHY IS BLUE LAKES BEING RECONSTRUCTED?

Blue Lakes Boulevard has an average daily traffic volume of as many as 40,000 vehicles but has not seen major reconstruction in about 30 years.

Over the last decade, severe rutting, cracking, and degradation of the road surface has appeared.

This project will:

- Improve road quality,
- Install a storm water drainage system to reduce "pooling" of water on roadway, and
- Relocate and secure utility services in the corridor, in close cooperation with all involved utilities.

This project WILL NOT widen Blue Lakes Boulevard and WILL NOT include raised medians in the roadway.

The Idaho Transportation Department will require the project contractor to employ a communication liaison to work closely with affected businesses during the project.

The goal is to minimize negative impacts of construction and to keep this important corridor accessible.

Important information about the reconstruction of Blue Lakes Boulevard for business owners and interested citizens.



Four days of road work in the summer of 2007 provided a glimpse of construction impacts for both drivers and businesses on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Timeline: Project Goal*

- ♦ **October, 2008** — Advertise project to contract bidders
- ♦ **January, 2009** — Begin work north of Pole Line for storm water drainage system to canyon rim
- ♦ **March, 2009** — Construction begins on main line Blue Lakes with closure of two lanes
- ♦ **June, 2009** — Construction moves to opposite side of Blue Lakes, closes other two lanes
- ♦ **October, 2009** — Expected completion of construction

**Timeline subject to change at any time. Changes will be communicated through Advisory Committee.*

WHAT CAN I EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Once construction begins, business owners along Blue Lakes Boulevard can expect many changes including:

- Half the road closed for duration of construction,
- One lane of traffic in each direction only,
- Limited, shared and changing business access
- Right in/right out turning access only,
- Brief scheduled power, gas, water and phone service disruptions,
- Closure of North College Road east & west legs
- Possible changes in traffic signal timing, and
- Use of placard signs are expected to be provided to identify business access.

Watch for additional information about potential construction impacts.

Business Advisory Committee

A committee of business and property owners in the corridor will meet regularly to ensure the interests of impacted businesses are protected and to communicate with the construction contractor and Idaho Transportation Department. To reach the committee, contact Shawn Barigar at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at 208-733-3974 or email shawn@twinfallschamber.com.